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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT MX

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION -- IT MAY HAPPEN EARLY

1. SEVERAL INDICATORS POINT TO AN EARLIER THAN EXPECTED NAMING  
OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, WHICH HAD BEEN EXPECTED WEEK OF OCTOBER  
12:

A) SELF-IMPOSED PREREQUISITE OF THE PRI'S "PLAN BASICO"  
IS BEING RUSHED TO PRESS AND WILL BE APPROVED MONDAY SEPT 22;

B) PRESSURE (LARGELY DUE TO OUTCOME OF RACE HAVING CLOUDED  
IN RECENT WEEKS) HAS GROWN TO TREMENDOUS LEVELS, MAKING  
CONTROL OF THE PROCESS MORE DIFFICULT (THIS CONTRASTS WITH  
LAST TWO "DESTAPAMIENTOS"); AND

C) THERE ARE INSISTANT RUMORS TO THIS EFFECT.

2. OUR GUT INSTINCT IS THAT GOVERNMENT SECRETARY MOYA PALENCIA  
WILL PREVAIL OVER HIS RIVALS BUT CHOICE COULD ALSO BE PRESIDENCY  
SECRETARY CERVANTES DEL RIO OR EVEN ONE OF SEVERAL OTHERS  
CONSIDERED DISCARDED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. JOVA

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